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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF



Incorporating the report of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1961.

The population increased by 160 in comparison with the Registrar General's estimate for the previous year. Also, the number of inhabited houses increased by 10, making a total of 862. The Council own 172, this figure remains the same. As a matter of interest the corresponding figures of ten years ago are quoted: Population 1954, the 2,000 figure appearing in 1956. Number of Council Houses 130. Thus the growth of the Urban Authority is appreciated.

The Rateable Value increased BY £3,574 in one year, the figure ten years ago being £10,617. The Penny Rate for 1961 was £110, for 1951 - £41.

The Death Rate remains the same and shows a general decline over the last 5 years. The main causes of deaths in this District was again due to Heart Diseases.

Of the Notifiable Infectious Diseases, 3 cases of tuberculosis were registered, none of which were children or young adults. Continued surveyance must be carried out in this field, especially in advanced adults, if society is to be protected from what was, up to very recently, a scourge of the community. No epidemics due to any infectious disease occurred.

Health in general within the District was very satisfactory indeed, and appreciation is felt for the excellent work and co-operation of all General Practitioners, Health Visitor and District Nurse.

It is observed from the Public Health Inspector's report that the Sanitary condition of the District is satisfactory and once again he is to be complimented for his regular and excellent service.

In conclusion, I thank you Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council for your interest and co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

W. Arthur Jones.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	825
Population (Registrar General's mid 1961 estimate) ..	2,260
Number of inhabited houses	862
Number of Council Houses,	172
Rateable Value.. .. .	£26,541
Sum produced by the Penny Rate	£110

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	19	11	30
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	20	13	33

The Birth Rate per 1,000 population was 14.6. Rates for previous years were: 1960: 15.8; 1959: 21.9; 1958: 10.9; and 1957: 14.1. The Birth Rate for Anglesey in 1961 was 17.4, England and Wales 17.4

The adjusted Birth Rate for Menai Bridge was 31.35

Stillbirths

Nil.

Deaths

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>32</u>

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 14.1. The Rate for Anglesey was 13.8, England and Wales 12.0

The Adjusted Death Rate for Menai Bridge was 12.5,
The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 12.5

Maternal Deaths

Nil.

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Malignant neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus,	11
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms,	4
Diabetes	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	2
Coronary disease, Angina	3
Other heart diseases	6
Pneumonia	1
Bronchitis	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7
All other accidents	2
Suicide	1
TOTAL	32

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified into age groups.

Disease.	-1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24.	25+
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Tuberculosis

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows:-

AGE	SEX.	RESPIRATORY OR NON-RESPIRATORY
37	F.	Respiratory.
61	M.	Respiratory.
63	F.	Non-respiratory.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the District. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

A total number of 22 persons were vaccinated for the first time during the year, and 7 others were re-vaccinated.

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases.

DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION.

A total number of 31 persons were immunised against Diphtheria during the year, and 29 were immunised against whooping cough.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year, 1961.

Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling-houses inspected for nuisances,	
a) Number of houses visited	110
b) Number of inspections..	126
Number of drains tested with colour, water or smoke	90
Visits to work in progress	312
Interviews with owners or representatives	46
Dwelling-houses where nuisances abated	41
Visits in connection with overcrowding	1
Visits in connection with infectious diseases	3
Visits for disinfection of premises	1
Visits to premises re vermin	Nil.
Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, canteens and hotel kitchens	12
Visits to ice-cream premises	4
Visits to fish-friers premises	2
Visits to other food-preparing premises	14
Visits re Shops Acts.	Nil.
Visits to workplaces	6
Visits re rats, mice and other infestation	31
Notices served	
a) Informal	21
b) Statutory	Nil.
Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken	Nil.

Infectious Diseases

Number of visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out	Nil.						Nil.

FOOD HYGIENE

Number of food premises by type of business
(excluding registered premises)

Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Grocers	.	.	..	..	..	..	11
Confectioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Bakeries	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Catering Establishments (including cafes, restaurants, hotels)							8
Number of visits to food premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene							Nil.

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation

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ICE-CREAM

Number of registered premises	16
Number of new applications	Nil.
Number of inspections	6
Number of contraventions (if any) of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952	Nil.

Fish-Friers Premises

Number of premises registered..	..	..	..	..	2
Number of new applications	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Number of visits	..	..	..	..	6

Milk

Number of Dairies and Distributors registered under Part III of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949	..	Nil.
Number of new applications	..	Nil.
Number of visits to registered premises	..	Nil.

Slaughterhouses

Number in District	Nil.
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Knackers Yards

Number registered	1
Number visited	81

UN SOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

	Quantity	Tons.	Cwts.	Qtrs.	lbs.
Butchers' meat (including Offal)	-	-	-	-	-
Other food (including tinned food)	700	5	-	1	-

RODENT CONTROL

The rodent control of the Refuse Tip is let on Contract to a specialist firm and any other complaint regarding infestation is attended to by the Council Staff.

WATER SUPPLY

Number of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains.-	
a) Direct to Houses	840
b) By means of standpipes	Nil.

Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water 25

Number of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter Nil.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year a new surface water and foul water sewer has been laid to

- Gors Goch Private Estate development
- Proposed new development on the Hafod Wern Housing Estate.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The refuse collection is carried out weekly and the refuse vehicle is held jointly by the Council and Beaumaris Corporation. The refuse disposal is still being carried out on Refail Newydd field.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number registered 1

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.
 - (1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Act) 158
 - b. Number of inspections made for the purpose 306
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 2
 - (3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 3
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of Formal Notices Nil.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 32
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year
 - (a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.
 - 1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil.
 - 2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.
 - a) By owners Nil.
 - b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.
 - (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.
 - 1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 3
 - 2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
 - a) By owners Nil.
 - b) By Local Authority in Default of owners Nil.
 - (c) Proceedings under Section 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957.
 - 1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil.
 - 2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished .. Nil.
 - 3) Number of houses awaiting demolition .. Nil.
 - 4) Number of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation Nil.

- 3 (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957
- 1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.
 - 2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit, Nil.
- 4, Housing Act, 1957 - Part III. Section 44
- Number of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made Nil.
- Housing Act, 1957 - Part IV - Sections 76-90
- Overcrowding
- a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year Nil.
 - (ii) Number of families dwelling therein Nil.
 - (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein Nil.
 - b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year Nil.
 - c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year Nil.
 - (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases Nil.
 - d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil.
5. Housing Act, 1957 - Section 17
- Number of Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Nil.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING DEFECTS AND NUISANCES REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR.

Keeping of animals	Nil
Offensive accumulations	3
Sanitary accommodation: insufficient	2
defective	3
Drainage reconstruction	6
repaired	20
cleansed	32
Cesspools and septic tanks abolished	Nil.
repaired	1
Conversions to w.c.'s	Nil.
Refuse receptacles	8
Food stores	2
Water supplies	8

Walls and ceilings	38
Floors	16
Windows and ventilation	4
Baths, lavatory basins and sinks	33
Staircases	3
Coppers (defective)	Nil.
Dampness	19
Roofs and rainwater pipes	52
Yard paving	2
Chimneys and fireplaces	42
Miscellaneous	40

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937 and 1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on register (3)	Inspection. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 4, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	17	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises.)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14	17	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector. (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector. (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperatures (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)	-	-	-	-	-
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to out-work.)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

